

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A settlement system in which, when a buyer orders merchandise for a seller, an order-intake agent receives an order for the merchandise placed by the buyer and payment for the merchandise on behalf of the seller, comprising:

an order placing device for storing order information inclusive of such merchandise information as to specify the merchandise that the buyer orders; and

an order-intake agent device whereby the order-intake agent obtains the order information from the order placing device.

2. The settlement system set forth in Claim 1, wherein:

the order information includes such buyer information as to specify the buyer.

3. The settlement system set forth in Claim 1, wherein:

the order placing device displays the order information in the form of a barcode, and

the order-intake agent device obtains the order information by scanning the barcode displayed in the order placing device.

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4. The settlement system set forth in Claim 1, wherein:

the order-intake agent device inputs settlement completion information indicative of completion of settlement of payment for the order to the order placing device.

5. A settlement method in which, when a buyer orders merchandise for a seller, an order-intake agent receives an order for the merchandise placed by the buyer and payment for the merchandise on behalf of the seller, wherein:

the buyer uses an order placing device to store order information inclusive of such merchandise information as to specify the merchandise that the buyer orders, and

the seller uses an order-intake agent device so that the order-intake agent obtains the order information from the order placing device.

6. The order placing device set forth in Claim 1, further comprising a barcode display section for displaying the order information in the form of a barcode.

7. An information providing device used in a settlement

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system in which, when a buyer orders merchandise for a seller, an order-intake agent receives an order for the merchandise placed by the buyer and payment for the merchandise on behalf of the seller, the device whereby the buyer offers to a communications network such merchandise information as to specify the merchandise that the buyer orders.

8. The information providing device set forth in Claim 7, which provides the order placing device with a barcode image generated in accordance with display section specs of the order placing device based on the merchandise information.

9. A settlement system which settles payment for merchandise which a buyer orders for a seller on behalf of the seller, comprising:

a terminal for displaying such merchandise information as to specify the merchandise that the buyer orders; and

a settlement device for executing settlement of payment for the ordered merchandise based on the merchandise information displayed in the terminal.

10. The settlement system set forth in Claim 9, wherein:

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the settlement device includes a scanner section for scanning display of the terminal.

11. The Settlement system set forth in Claim 9, wherein:
the terminal includes an input section for receiving input of a code of the merchandise information.

12. The settlement system set forth in Claim 9, wherein:
the merchandise information displayed in the terminal includes barcode image information.

13. The settlement system set forth in Claim 9, wherein:
the settlement device transmits to the terminal settlement completion information indicating completion of settlement of the payment.

14. A settlement program which causes a computer to function as the settlement system of Claim 9.

15. A settlement method which settles payment for merchandise which a buyer orders for a seller on behalf of the seller, comprising the steps of:

displaying in a terminal such merchandise information as to specify merchandise which a buyer orders; and

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executing settlement of payment for the ordered merchandise based on the merchandise information displayed in the terminal.

16. A settlement program which causes a computer to execute the settlement method of Claim 15.

17. An information providing device which provides a barcode image generated in accordance with display section specs of a terminal as such merchandise information as to specify merchandise which a buyer orders, to the terminal via a communications network.

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